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In re Application of	:	
Jeffery M. Konopacki et al.	:	
Application No. 10/612,485	:	DECISION GRANTING
Filed: July 2, 2003	:	PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R.
Attorney Docket No. M09626	:	\$1.53(B)
Title: GASEOUS FUEL PRESSURE	:	
REGULATOR FOR ELECTRONICALLY	:	
CONTROLLING AN OUTLET PRESSURE	:	

This is a decision on the "Response to 'Notice of Omitted Items,'" filed October 15, 2003, which is properly treated as a petition under 37 CFR \$1.1.53(b), requesting the application, including Figure 6, be accorded a filing date of July 2, 2003 as part of the original disclosure.

The application was deposited on July 2, 2003. However, on October 2, 2003, Initial Patent Examination Division mailed a Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application - Filing Date Granted (notice) stating that Figure 6 appeared to have been omitted on filing.

In response, on October 15, 2003, applicants filed the present petition. The petition is further accompanied by a copy of Figure 6, along with a copy of applicants' postcard receipt acknowledging receipt of "6 sheets of drawings" in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Office) on July 2, 2003. Applicants request that the application, including Figure 6 be accorded a filing date of July 2, 2003.

Upon review of the record, the above-mentioned figure has not been located among the application papers. However, the evidence is convincing that the application papers deposited on July 2,

2003 included Figure 6, and the sheet which contained this figure was subsequently misplaced in the Office.

Therefore, the application, including Figure 6 was complete on filing and entitled to a filing date of July 2, 2003 as part of the original disclosure.

Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The notice mailed July 2, 2003 was sent in error. Therefore, no petition fee is necessary. The petition fee of \$130 will be refunded to petitioner's Deposit Account.

The application file is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing with a filing date of July 2, 2003, using the original application papers filed on that date, as well as Figure 6 of the specification submitted on October 15, 2003.

Any inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0011.



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